

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	
	:	CONSENT PRELIMINARY ORDER
- v. -	:	OF FORFEITURE/
	:	<u>MONEY JUDGMENT</u>
THOMAS BURTON,	:	
	:	S1 20 Cr. 397 (PGG)
Defendant.	:	
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WHEREAS, on or about August 11, 2020, THOMAS BURTON (the “Defendant”), was charged in a two-count Superseding Indictment, S1 20 Cr. 397 (PGG) (the “Indictment”), with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349 (Count One); and bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 2 (Count Two);

WHEREAS, the Indictment included a forfeiture allegation as to Counts One and Two of the Indictment, seeking forfeiture to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), any and all property constituting or derived from, proceeds obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment, including but not limited to a sum of money in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the commission of the offenses charged in Counts One and Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, on or about May 4, 2021, the Defendant pled guilty to Count Two of the Indictment, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government, wherein the Defendant admitted the forfeiture allegation with respect to Count Two of the Indictment and agreed to forfeit to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(2)(A), a sum of

money equal to \$90,304.00 in United States currency, representing proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment;

WHEREAS, the Defendant consents to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$90,304 in United States currency representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with co-defendants, George Wilcox, Joanna DeJesus, and Robert Richards to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against co-defendants George Wilcox, Joanna DeJesus, and Robert Richards in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Defendant admits that, as a result of acts and/or omissions of the Defendant, the proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the United States of America, by its attorney Audrey Strauss, United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Rebecca Dell of counsel, and the Defendant, THOMAS BURTON, and his counsel, Jenna Minicucci Dabbs, Esq., that:

1. As a result of the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment, to which the Defendant pled guilty, a money judgment in the amount of \$90,304 in United States currency (the "Money Judgment"), representing the amount of proceeds traceable to the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment that the Defendant personally obtained, shall be entered against the Defendant, for which the Defendant is jointly and severally liable with co-defendants, George Wilcox, Joanna DeJesus, and Robert Richards to the extent a forfeiture money judgment is entered against co-defendants George Wilcox, Joanna DeJesus, and Robert Richards in this case.

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment is final as to the Defendant, THOMAS BURTON, and shall be deemed part of the sentence of the Defendant, and shall be included in the judgment of conviction therewith.

3. All payments on the outstanding money judgment shall be made by postal money order, bank or certified check, made payable, in this instance, to the United States Marshals Service, and delivered by mail to the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Attn: Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007 and shall indicate the Defendant's name and case number.

4. The United States Marshals Service is authorized to deposit the payments on the Money Judgment in the Assets Forfeiture Fund, and the United States shall have clear title to such forfeited property.

5. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), the United States is authorized to seek forfeiture of substitute assets of the Defendant up to the uncollected amount of the Money Judgment.

6. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Attorney's Office is authorized to conduct any discovery needed to identify, locate or dispose of forfeitable property, including depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents and the issuance of subpoenas.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward three certified copies of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment to Assistant United States Attorney Alexander J. Wilson, Co-Chief of the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, United States Attorney's Office, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York 10007.

9. The signature page of this Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

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SO ORDERED:

Paul G. Gardephe
HONORABLE PAUL G. GARDEPHE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

May 4, 2021
DATE